## **REMARKS**

The present Amendment supplements the minor modifications in the Preliminary Amendment as set forth at the filing of the application to reflect the amendments made under Article 34 in the PCT Application.

The amendment to the specification is supported from Page 8, Line 27 to Page 9, Line 5 to correct a minor typographical error.

The new dependent Claims 29-38 are supported both in the specification and the previous claims as can be seen in the definition of the first embodiment set forth in "2-1. Manufacture of Front Panel," starting on Page 19 of our specification. Thus, our specification and Claim 5 defines that a first crystal can be a magnesium oxide crystal while in the specification on Pages 3, Lines 5-7 the manner of obtaining this crystal is set forth.

With regards to Claim 30, a thin film technique is disclosed also on Page 3, Line 5.

For Claim 33, support can be found starting on Page 20, Line 27 through Page 21, Line 3.

Finally, the fact that a second crystal material can be a combination of materials and the first crystal material can be selected from one or more members of a group of suitable materials can be found on Page 20, Lines 4-13.

The references cited in the International Search Report are believed to be of record in the application.

Additionally, Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 09-92133 was discussed on Page 2 of our Description of Related Art, while Japanese Laid-Open Application No. 04-10330 was discussed on Page 3 of our specification.

Copies of these references along with the English Abstract are included to complement the description in English in our specification.

Finally, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. JP9-167566 is attached hereto along with an English translation. It is requested that these references be reviewed and made of record.

If there are any questions with regards to this amendment, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

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## (54) PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL AND ITS MANUFACTURE

## (57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a PDP (plasma display panel) provided with a protection layer of a dielectric layer capable of lowering a discharge start voltage and improving a spattering resistance regarding improvement of the dielectric layer of an AC type PDP and its manufacture.

SOLUTION: This PDP covers a discharge electrode 2 formed on a front face glass board 1 with a dielectric layer 3 and is provided with a protection layer on this dielectric layer 3. And, this protection layer is constituted so as to be made of a laminated-layer structural body of a MgO crystal layer 4 and a MgO evaporation layer 5, and manufacture of this PDP is constituted so as to include a process for forming the MgO evaporation layer





5 on the surface of this MgO crystal layer 4 following ion-cleaning the surface of this MgO crystal layer 4 after the MgO crystal layer 4 is formed on the surface of this dielectric layer 3 when the protection layer is formed.

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#### **CLAIMS**

## [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The plasma display panel with which said protective layer is characterized by consisting of the laminating structure of a MgO crystal layer and a MgO vacuum evaporation layer in the plasma display panel which covered with the dielectric layer the discharge electrode formed on the substrate, and was equipped with the protective layer on this dielectric layer.

[Claim 2] The plasma display panel according to claim 1 with which said MgO crystal layer is characterized by consisting of complex of MgO impalpable powder, magnesium impalpable powder, the organic-acid metal salts of magnesium, or these members.

[Claim 3] The plasma display panel characterized by a MgO crystal layer according to claim 2 containing low melting glass further.

[Claim 4] The manufacture approach of the plasma display panel characterized by including the process which forms a MgO vacuum evaporationo layer in the MgO crystal layer front face concerned after carrying out ion cleaning of the front face of this MgO crystal layer after facing forming a protective layer according to claim 1 and forming a MgO crystal layer in the front face of said dielectric layer.

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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] In the conventional AC mold PDP explained above, a protective layer is prepared from the need of raising spatter-proof nature so that a secondary-emission ratio gamma may be enlarged, and reducing breakdown voltage and a life may be lengthened, and generally the MgO vacuum evaporationo layer is used as this protective layer. Since the dielectric film of a substrate is low melting glass when this protective layer is formed with vacuum deposition, first, the amorphous layer of 1000A of thickness numbers is formed, and a crystal layer is formed gradually after that. However, there was a trouble of having become higher than the driver voltage which driver voltage goes up rapidly and is set up if the spatter of this crystal layer will be carried out if the time of PDP

becomes long, thickness becomes thin and a spatter reaches an amorphous layer, and becoming the life of PDP.

[0009] In the liquid-like the spray methods or the applying methods using an organic-acid metal salt other than vacuum deposition, the trouble that an opening was generated was in the formed protective layer in the impalpable powder applying method which applies the paste which can form only the protective layer of about 2,000-3,000A thickness, and contains MgO impalpable powder at one process. [0010] This invention aims at offer of PDP possessing the protective layer of the dielectric layer it becomes possible whose to reduce breakdown voltage and to raise spatter-proof nature, and its manufacture approach from the above situations.

[Means for Solving the Problem] PDP of this invention is constituted so that the protective layer which consists of a layered product of a MgO crystal layer and a MgO vacuum evaporationo layer may be provided.

[0012] In this invention, since it becomes possible to be able to thicken the MgO crystal layer of the front face of a dielectric layer, and to also raise crystallinity, since a MgO crystal layer is formed in the lower layer of the MgO layer by vacuum evaporationo using MgO impalpable powder or the organic-acid metal salt containing MgO, the thing with good spatter-proof nature for which long lasting PDP is offered becomes possible.

[0013]

[Embodiment of the Invention] <u>Drawing 1</u> - <u>drawing 3</u> explain the example of this invention to a detail below. Drawing in which <u>drawing 1</u> shows the principal part of PDP of this invention, drawing in which <u>drawing 2</u> shows the example of the manufacture approach of PDP of this invention in order of a process, and <u>drawing 3</u> are drawings showing the relation between the test time of PDP of this invention, and the variation of discharge voltage.

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### DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] Drawing showing the principal part of PDP of this invention

[Drawing 2] Drawing showing the example of the manufacture approach of PDP of this invention in order of a process

[Drawing 3] Drawing showing the relation between the test time of PDP of this invention, and the variation of discharge voltage

[Drawing 4] Drawing showing the principal part of the conventional PDP

[Description of Notations]

- 1 Front-Windshield Substrate
- 2 Discharge Electrode
- 3 Dielectric Layer
- 4 MgO Crystal Layer
- 5 MgO Vacuum Evaporationo Layer
- 6 Tooth-Back Glass Substrate
- 7 Address Electrode

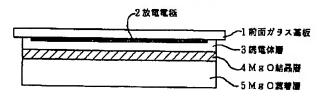
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### **DRAWINGS**

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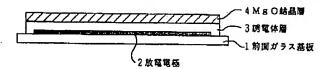
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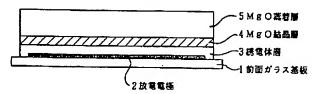


[Drawing 2] 本発明のPDPの製造方法の実施例を工程順に示す図

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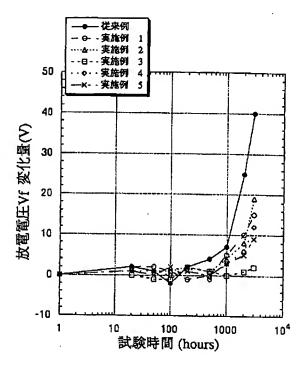


(b) Mg O 蒸着層(5) の形成



[Drawing 3]

## 本発明のPDPの試験時間と放電電圧の変化量との関係を示す図



### [Drawing 4] 使来のPDPの主要部を示す図



